

heading households and being the primary breadwinner, it's a matter of economic security for American families. These women face the same financial pressures as any other American. They certainly don't get a 23 percent discount on their rent or mortgage payment, on the groceries they buy or on the children's shoes they have to replace.

We must pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, which the Senate plans to vote on next week and the House passed in the last Congress. I ask my Republican friends, Mr. Speaker, why the Republicans aren't making this a priority instead of today we're voting on a divisive abortion bill that criminalizes a woman's most private health care decisions.

Women do not need yet another attack on their reproductive rights. What they need is economic justice. When will the majority get it?

STUDENT LOAN INTEREST RATES

(Ms. CHU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, imagine the shocked faces of daughters and sons all across the country when they open up their July billing statement, add up all the figures, and find it's cheaper to buy a home than pursue their higher education.

Come July 1, Republicans are going to let interest rates on student loans double. At the same time, they're making sure wasteful tax breaks for yacht and private jet owners stay in place. In fact, it's the best way for them to keep the Millionaires Club an exclusive club for good old boys, by blocking the best avenue for success that this country has ever known—a college education.

The GOP is turning the aspirations of young Americans into a revenue stream for the wealthy. They're financing reckless tax policies on the hopes and dreams of our children. I urge them to join Democrats in a serious proposal to stop these interest rates from doubling. The next generation is counting on us to act responsibly.

FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION REFORM ACT

(Mr. CARNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Food and Drug Administration Reform Act and, in particular, the provisions it contains to address critical drug shortages. Across the country, patients are not getting critical medications they need to battle diseases and stay healthy. This crisis is hitting cancer patients especially hard, with serious shortages of chemotherapy drugs.

In response to this crisis, I introduced the Drug Shortage Prevention Act with my colleague, Representative LARRY BUCSHON. I'm pleased that key

provisions of this bill are included in the legislation that the House passed last night. These provisions help FDA and the DEA fix some of the regulatory problems that are causing these shortages.

This is not a partisan issue. Drug shortages affect all of us. I'm pleased that the Senate passed its own version of this legislation last week, and I'm hopeful that both Chambers can quickly come together to present a final package for the President's signature.

When a family gets hit with a diagnosis like cancer, they have enough things to worry about. Running out of chemotherapy drugs should not be one of them.

SUPPORT LOCAL BROADCASTERS

(Ms. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks the official start of this year's hurricane season. As ranking member of the Subcommittee of Emergency Communications Preparedness and Response that supports the Department of Homeland Security, I'm speaking today to note that broadcasters have demonstrated a continued commitment to local communities in providing critical information during times of disaster.

When disaster strikes, Americans depend upon their local television and radio stations for access to lifesaving information and emergency announcements. Broadcasters' commitment to public service is never more apparent than in the time of a crisis.

As we typically see during times of disasters, whether it's a hurricane, flood, fire, tornado, earthquake, or a widespread power outage, broadcasters remain to cover the dangerous situations, and, most importantly, they provide vital assistance to those who might need it.

During an emergency, broadcasters deliver comprehensive, up-to-date warnings and information to those affected areas, which helps victims and also brings comfort to family members who are awaiting any kind of information. This issue is very important to all of us. Broadcasters can provide information in a moment's notice when we need it most.

I ask my colleagues to join me to commend our local broadcasters for their work, their continued readiness, and the important role that they play in the time of an emergency.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, as has just been mentioned by my colleague from California, tomorrow, June 1, is the official start of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season, which

would potentially mean bad news for areas across the Nation, including folks on Long Island in my congressional district.

Last year, Hurricane Irene and the earthquake felt along the east coast reminded us of the importance of the Nation's first responders, specifically, the importance of our broadcasters.

Emergency plans are only effective if they are able to be communicated to the folks in need. This fact underscores the importance of our broadcasters.

With that in mind, I have constantly supported efforts for both the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Communications Commission to explore the potential benefits of including radio tuners in mobile telephones. Since technology would ensure that folks have an outlet to receive critical information in times of need, I encourage this Congress to act swiftly to consider any and all opportunities that would facilitate communication during emergencies.

As we embark on hurricane season, let's take this moment to recognize the importance of broadcasters and all of our first responders that selflessly provide services in our time of need.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5743, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5854, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5855, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5325, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that, upon adoption of House Resolution 667, amendments number 4 and 6 printed in House Report 112-504 be modified to include the amendatory instructions that I have placed at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the modifications.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendatory instructions for amendment No. 4 printed in House Report 112-504:

At the end of title III, add the following new section:

Amendatory instructions for amendment No. 6 printed in House Report 112-504:

At the end of title IV (page 21, after line 2), add the following new section:

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the modifications?

Without objection, that will be the order.

There was no objection.

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 667 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows: